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Petersen sees changes coming

Council candidate sees hope for world's problems

By Carolyn Nielsen
Staff Writer

He was fed up with politicians and problems that seemed to have no answer.

After spending a summer backpacking through Europe with two friends, business major Brent Petersen became a political science major and a candidate for San Luis Obispo City Council.

Petersen narrowly won the polySCOPE student primary last week and will now be endorsed by polySCOPE for the November election.

At 21 years old, the bespectacled blond from Santa Rosa said he can't explain the change, but now he sees hope for the world to solve its problems and he wants to be a part of that change.

"I was on the fast track to the ol' M.B.A.," he said, "But (in Europe) I learned too much to come back and settle for a 9-to-5 job."

After three years at Santa Rosa Junior College, Petersen transferred to Cal Poly during winter quarter 1991. He changed his major to political science the fall quarter after returning from Europe.

Petersen said as a child he "was fascinated with authority and why so many things were wrong with the world."

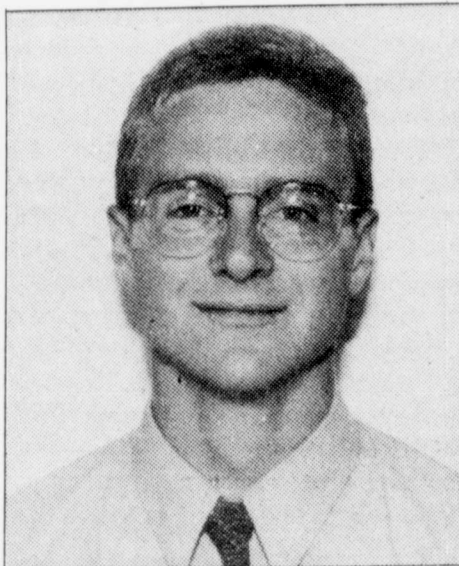
A registered independent, he describes his family as "extremely conservative." He said, "I used to see myself as conservative, but I have continuously moved to the left." He said he has very strong feelings about topics such as civil rights, but he is "very conservative" when it comes to business policies.

Petersen said he doesn't admire any political leader in particular, but he praises consumer rights advocate Ralph Nader for his drive and his "belief in what he's doing."

He added that he is "generally skeptical of most political leaders, especially career politicians."

Petersen doesn't want a career in politics. He wants to teach "political science with an economic and international aspect." He said he "enjoys being in class and challenging old-time perceptions about government and life."

Petersen said he enjoys his upper-division political science classes and often becomes quite vocal. "I get out of control sometimes. Sometimes I tell



Brent Petersen

myself, 'OK, Brent, you're not going to say anything today,' he said, laughing.

Bud Evans, a political science professor, said Petersen is a "serious, hard-working, committed student."

"He seems to want to hear what other people have to say. He's open to listening, but he has his own, strong point of view," Evans said.

Petersen said he hears a lot of depressing things in his See PETERSEN, page 12

City to cut rates for low-income water customers

By Noel Eidsmore
Staff Writer

Once again water is an issue with the San Luis Obispo City Council.



The council unanimously passed a motion Monday night to create an assistance program for low-income water users.

This was one of the council's key goals in its 1991 financial program, according to city staff member Bill Statler.

It will be a needs-based program that will include a 15 percent rate reduction, one-time payment assistance and retrofit assistance.

The payment assistance plan will set aside a fund that will help applicants pay their water bill if they have trouble meeting a certain payment.

The council also passed a motion to explore the creation of a rate structure similar to that of Morro Bay, which would remove the minimum meter charge.

The recommendation of staff was that there be no rate increases for 1992-93, with six percent increases annually for four years after that.

The council will re-evaluate that when the staff comes back with new options for the rate structure.

Councilmember Peg Pinard, upon seeing the revenues and their use for the upcoming year, said that the \$700,000 made last year during water rationing should be rebated back to the people.

"I'm looking for the word rebate, and I don't see it," Pinard said.

She said that the money made from water conservation charges should not be rolled over to pay for new projects.

Pinard wanted a motion passed to figure out a percentage of the charges that could be rebated from the bills paid during rationing.

Mayor Ron Dunin joined Pinard, saying that he felt it was their duty to do this to uphold the public perception of the See CITY COUNCIL, page 12

Homosexual support exists in city, on campus

By Katherine Gill
Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo is, by most accounts, a conservative community. For homosexuals and bisexuals, this can translate into an unfriendly place. Fear of coming out, harassment and discrimination are just a few of the problems that gays, lesbians and bisexuals face on a daily basis.

To cope with these problems, a variety of support and resource groups have been created in San Luis Obispo County. These groups give homosexuals and bisexuals a place to vent their fears and frustrations, and a social refuge to meet others like themselves.

Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United is a Cal Poly club which provides support, services and resources to homosexual and bisexual members of the university and the community. It too has felt the slap of discrimination.

According to Scott Mason, president of GLBU, the group was originally turned down when it applied to be a campus club in the 1970s.

"It is the only club on campus that has had to actually take (the

This is the third in a three-part series about homosexuality

PART 3
A LOOK AT THE SUPPORT GROUPS AVAILABLE FOR HOMOSEXUALS, THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES.

members seems to depend on what the club is doing.

"We fill a lot of functions," he said. "We're a kind of social club for a lot of people as well as a support group. And on occasion we have to be political as well."

Mason said GLBU had a lot of members at last March's City Council meeting involving a gay rights ordinance, and several spoke.

The ordinance would have prohibited discrimination based on sexual preference in regard to housing and employment.

"But a lot of our members are still coming to grips with being gay and that makes it a lot harder for them," Mason added. "That's why we try to focus away from the fact that we also at times are political."

Mason said that giving support is the main goal of GLBU.

"We provide an atmosphere where people can actually meet and realize that they're not the only ones," he said. "That can be really difficult to see, especially on a campus like this where there's a conservative atmosphere."

GLBU also tries to educate the campus and community about homosexuality and

bisexuality by sponsoring panels for human sexuality classes at Cal Poly and at Hancock and Cuesta community colleges. These panels also are presented in Cal Poly's residence halls.

GLBU holds its meetings

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Scott Mason,
GLBU president

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room 24B of the Faculty Office Building. Mason said the meetings are open to everyone.

"A lot of heterosexual people do stop in just to see what it's like," he said. "Attending our meetings is not an indication of your sexual orientation. No one makes assumptions on the people who stop in."

Mason said the meetings start with a half-hour of business.

"After our business, we've

been having a discussion about every other week, covering different things like being out at work, and what that's like," he said. "Sometimes we talk about relationships. That topic comes up quite a bit."

Mason said GLBU also holds social events. He said the club has held potlucks, parties and dances — "the whole run of what other clubs generally do."

"I think that's what a lot of people are looking for," he said. "A social outlet that's more than just supportive."

Off campus, there is the Central Coast Gay & Lesbian Alliance (GALA), a community-based resource group for gays, lesbians and sympathetic people. Its purpose is to provide information on social, political and educational events happening in the community.

According to Jim Dugan, an active member of GALA, the group does this primarily through "News & Reviews," the monthly newsletter it produces. Dugan said the group has a mailing list of 450 people.

GALA also helps put on social events, Dugan said. He said the See HOMOSEXUALITY, page 9

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Sarah Weddington, the attorney who argued *Roe v. Wade*, says the threat to abortion rights is greater than ever.

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WORLD

China's post office to accept money orders

BEIJING (AP) — The Chinese post office will resume accepting money orders from abroad 39 years after it halted the practice for political reasons, an official newspaper said Tuesday.

The move will make it easier for Chinese to receive money from friends and relatives abroad, send admission fees to foreign schools and conduct other transactions.

International money order services will resume July 1 with Japan and Aug. 3 with the United States, the China Daily newspaper said. It quoted Duan Guichang of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications as saying the size of money orders will be limited.

The Communist government halted such services in 1953 as part of China's withdrawal from contacts with the West. Chinese who wanted to send money abroad or receive it from overseas had to go through the Bank of China. During the 1950s and 1960s, Chinese who received money from abroad were suspected of espionage.

Korea OKs abortion, drafts new adultery law

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The government legalized abortion in certain cases and dropped its plan to abolish a law that punishes adultery, officials said Tuesday.

The Justice Ministry ruled that abortion would be legal in cases where the mother's health was endangered and a doctor approves the procedure. Previously, all abortions were illegal.

The ministry also drafted a revision of the 1953 law that would halve the maximum jail term for adultery to one year and add a series of fines. The revision will be submitted to the National Assembly in July for approval.

The ministry had said in April it would scrap the law, which it called outdated. But the announcement triggered two months of

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NATION

L.A. officials support Bush's zone proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush won support for his urban enterprise zone proposal Tuesday from the governor of California and the mayor of Los Angeles, who said it was urgently needed to help bring businesses and jobs back into Los Angeles riot areas.

Gov. Pete Wilson and Mayor Tom Bradley were summoned by the president to tell congressional leaders directly about their needs. But the leaders said afterward that the president did not come forth with any details of a proposal, the costs involved and ways to pay for it.

The matter of enterprise zones was to be taken up Wednesday at a meeting of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's Senate Finance Committee.

After the White House meeting, which lasted about an hour, Bradley said he and the governor stressed that enterprise zones should be the top priority in the administration and Congress and that any proposal should seek to employ a substantial percentage of people who live in the neighborhood.

"We have to demonstrate to the people of our city that the government means business," he said.

Group seeks funds for sustainable ag program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coalition of farm groups is urging Congress to put \$20 million into the Agriculture Department's sustainable agriculture education and training program.

"American farmers and ranchers are facing enormous challenges as they strive to produce food and fiber in a manner that is economically competitive, while protecting the environment and natural resources," the groups wrote in a recent letter to the House and Senate appropriations committees.

"Farmers and ranchers need real and immediate help as they strive to address

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STATE

Court backs governor's right to block parole

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A state appeals court has upheld a 1988 voter initiative that gave governors the right to block paroles for people serving life sentences.

The 3rd District Court of Appeal ruled 3-0 Monday that extending a convict's time in prison does not violate a constitutional ban on retroactive punishment.

Presiding Justice Robert Puglia wrote that the law did not change a prisoner's sentence, which remains life with the possibility of parole, but is a "procedural change to add a level of executive review."

The change does not necessarily harm the prisoner, because the governor also was given the power to free an inmate over the parole board's objections, Puglia wrote.

Former Gov. George Deukmejian never used his Proposition 89 authority. But Gov. Pete Wilson has revoked paroles for six inmates and stiffened conditions of release for three others.

The case was brought on behalf of the first inmate whose parole was canceled, Johnny Arafiles, 40, of Stockton. Arafiles received a term of seven years to life in prison for the fatal stabbing in 1977 of a witness who had testified against one of his brothers.

Committee: more taxes could keep parks open

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A bipartisan blue-ribbon committee is suggesting a \$5 surcharge on car registrations and a property transfer tax to ease the budget crisis for the state's park system.

The committee of elected and appointed officials said in a crisis report prepared for state parks Director Donald Murphy that as many as 30 state parks might have to close next month.

"The finest park system of its kind in the world is falling apart, quickly losing its

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Representative gives advice to all ASI staff

By Josh Eaton
ASI Student Relations

As the end of this scholastic year approaches, there are a couple of things to remember.

To this year's ASI government, remember as Theodore Roosevelt stated:

"It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how a strong person stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.

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Who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if they fail, at least fail while daring greatly."

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments.

To next year's ASI government — when faced with an opportunity some people grasp it and make the most of it; others shrink back and doubt their abilities.

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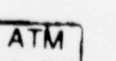
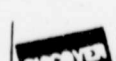
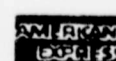
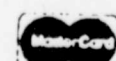
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DIAMOND BACK

Car crash stirs things up by SLO apartments

By John Hubbell
Staff Writer

An Atascadero man who told police he was "pretty messed up" crashed his car into a freeway sign and a grove of eucalyptus trees near Stafford Gardens early Tuesday but escaped serious injury.

Police say 22-year-old Thomas John Pancoe failed a California Highway Patrol sobriety test and was booked into San Luis Obispo County Jail Tuesday morning on one count of driving under the influence of alcohol. The results of Pancoe's blood test are not yet available, according to CHP Officer Steve Darcey.

"He didn't have a real clear memory of it all," Darcey said. "He said he was pretty messed up. It sure scared him."

Darcey said Pancoe admitted to drinking alcohol earlier in the day while visiting a friend, but did not appear to be drinking at the time of the accident.

Pancoe, who police say is not enrolled at either Cal Poly or Cuesta College, posted bail Tuesday morning and was released on his own recognizance. Darcey said Pancoe required no medical attention at the scene.

According to Darcey, Pancoe was driving his 1988 gray Mercury Sable in the right lane of southbound Highway 101 between Grand Avenue and

California Boulevard shortly after midnight, when the car veered off and collided into a large road sign. The car then pushed through a thick ravine of eucalyptus trees before landing in the opposite direction with its front end smashed and and its windows shattered.

The commotion brought several Cal Poly students out of their nearby Stafford Gardens apartments. Many of them found their cars covered in dust and dirt sprayed by the wayward car, but no serious damage was evident.

Tom Murphy, a 21-year-old Cuesta student, said he was delivering pizzas at the nearby Stafford Gardens apartment complex when the accident occurred. Murphy said he rushed over Pancoe and attempted to pull him out of the smashed car, but said Pancoe was resistant.

In fact, witnesses said Pancoe tried to flee from Murphy and other onlookers once he was freed from the debris.

"He was almost jogging away from the accident," Murphy said. "But I had to make my delivery so I had to let him go."

Other witnesses said they corralled Pancoe until police arrived.

The freeway remained open throughout the incident.

Senior staff writer Amy Koval contributed to this story.

Roe v. Wade lawyer says abortion rights in danger

By Ken Kaplan
Staff Writer

The lawyer who successfully argued the landmark abortion case Roe vs. Wade before the Supreme Court in 1973 said she feels the ruling will be in serious jeopardy if President George Bush is re-elected.

Sarah Weddington, a prominent lawyer and college lecturer, spoke about the fate of the ruling to a group of college journalists on Friday.

Weddington is currently participating in Gov. Bill Clinton's campaign bid for president and was in Sacramento with Clinton where he attended a Women's Town Hall meeting.

The hourlong forum was held by telephone with college journalists from Cal Poly, University of Southern California, UC Santa Cruz and UC San Diego.

Weddington said the issue of abortion is bigger than ever and will have an impact on the presidential election, particularly in California.

"Women are feeling real vulnerable," Weddington said. "We've got a president who vetoed the the gag rule and will veto the Freedom of Choice Act."

Abortion rights activists have stated they will rally Congress to pass a National Freedom of Choice Act if Roe vs. Wade is overturned. Bush has said he would veto such a bill. Gov. Clinton would support the act, Weddington said.

The debate hinges on a Pen-

nsylvania abortion case that is currently before the Supreme Court. The justices will decide whether to overrule Roe vs. Wade or send the case back to the state level for a decision.

The Court is expected to rule on the case in July, but Weddington said she anticipates they will delay the decision until after the presidential election in November.

"They (the Supreme Court) are trying to duck the issue," Weddington said. If the Court sends the case back to be tried on the state level, therefore allowing each state to set its own abortion laws, "there would be demonstrations in the streets within the hour," she said.

Weddington said she believes Bush's bid for re-election would be hurt if the court overturns the Roe vs. Wade ruling before the election.

"Everybody I know believes the court is going to overturn Roe after the election," Weddington said.

Regardless of the Supreme Court decision, Weddington said the ruling is in jeopardy.

Weddington warned of the possibility of abortion becoming illegal in California. "If there is not a national law, the state law could be taken away. It depends on who gets elected this fall. People cannot take it for granted here — they've got to vote for pro-choice candidates."

"When Roe is turned over this fall, or whenever, we need California to be a place for

women to go to get safe abortions," Weddington said.

Weddington stated that she doesn't see abortion as a conservative or liberal issue. "It's a religious issue."

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Sarah Weddington,
attorney

She said fundamentalist church groups and protesters have made abortion an issue of religious conflict. She added that Clinton has respect for religious opinion and would like to see it in favor of pro-choice.

Weddington said most people in the political arena don't expect college-age students to vote or have much of an impact on the election this year.

"I think the politicians are wrong," Weddington said. "Students are going to make a difference this year."

She urges students not to vote for President Bush. "Vote for someone who is pro-choice," she said.

Weddington said she is concerned that a lot of people who

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COMMENTARY

Bring back Poly Royal with a WOW methodology

By A. J. Schuermann

The recent mayhem in Los Angeles made the infamous Poly Royal riots look like child's play: if Los Angeles was playing Beethoven, then San Luis Obispo was playing Chopsticks.

Yet, in spite of the disparity between the two incidents, both riots revealed to us how chaos occurs when too many people lose sense of their individual responsibility to maintain public order. No one prepared adequately for either of these riots, and in their aftermaths everyone asked how or why people could or would cause so much damage to their own communities.

We should not be shocked to hear that the Poly Royal riots could have been prevented with proper planning. Similar to Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo was overwhelmed by the escalation of violence and was unable to maintain order.

We should take the proper steps to prevent riots when Poly Royal returns, and the best way to do this is to use the same organizational tactics employed during WOW Week.

Before I explain the WOW Week approach to Poly Royal let me say that we should make no mistake about it — Poly Royal will return whether we want it or not. This is neither a manifest nor a warning.

It is a prediction that Cal Poly will have a need to find some trace of its heritage after the budget crisis has passed, and that need will be filled through Poly Royal.

Most things are uncertain these days, and we cannot live in denial of the few truths that we still have at this university — one of these truths is that Poly Royal was an outstanding source of morale and revenue for our university, and currently our university is blessed with neither cash nor spirit.



The best argument for the return of Poly Royal seems to be common sense.

The same people who cut Poly Royal are now cutting university programs and budgets, and there is a general feeling that these people are not improving the university as much as they are dividing it.

However, unless there is a general consensus in the university that we should bring back Poly Royal for our own good, we will continue to go down the hopeless and mediocre path that we are on.

I am one of those people who

will not sweep Poly Royal under the rug and wish that the crowds would go away. Rather, I see a solution to the problems of Poly Royal in the organizational principles of WOW Week.

WOW Week has a tremendous potential to turn into a week of looting and rioting. There could be 160 terrorist groups dismantling San Luis Obispo every fall quarter. It doesn't happen because the university has an organized plan for its students.

We should acknowledge the successful maintenance of law and order during WOW Week

and apply its principles when we host our next Poly Royal.

If the university organized 160 groups of students to maintain order in the streets near campus, we could prevent people from throwing bottles. We would impress upon out-of-towners and local barbarians that we were organized with a purpose, and that for their own good troublemakers should not attempt to start any trouble.

Like WOW Week, student leaders should be encouraged to assume a responsible role in representing Cal Poly during Poly Royal.

Consider the possibilities of proper planning. Imagine the degree of involvement we would have if the university offered a free quarter's tuition for students who organized and maintained Poly Royal.

Anything is possible once we decide not to be afraid of crowds or solve short-term problems with long-term solutions.

A.J. Schuermann is business manager of Mustang Daily. He has seen eight Poly Royals and still considers the springtime festivities to be the greatest justification for Cal Poly's existence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Balanced budget amendment would hurt each state's economy

The second part of a two-part study, conducted by Wharton Econometrics Forecasting Associates (WEFA), a nationally respected economics firm, finds that each and every state would suffer severe economic distress in 1995 — including a sharp drop in jobs and personal income — if a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget were enacted.

The WEFA study, commissioned by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), was conducted to show the short-term economic effects of a pending joint resolution in Congress to bring the federal budget into balance. The Congress is expected to vote on such a measure by

early June.

The first part of the study, which outlined the damaging effects on the national economy, found that with such an amendment, the overall operating deficits of state and local governments would jump to \$67 billion in 1995 and still be almost \$50 billion in the year 2000. As with the first study, the state-by-state analysis assumes that the balancing would be achieved by equal measures of spending cuts and tax increases.

The state-by-state assessment released May 20, 1992, examined the impact of a balanced budget amendment on such key areas as personal income, job loss, construction, manufacturing, service sector

and defense.

Personal Income — While the exact impact would vary from state to state, all states would suffer severe economic consequences in 1995. Personal income would be, on average, 8 percent to 14 percent below what is otherwise expected in 1995. For many states, that means a loss of between \$10-\$30 billion in personal income in that one year alone.

Job Loss — No state would be spared from serious job loss. On average, the number of jobs would drop between 2 percent and 4 percent below what the WEFA would predict if a balanced budget amendment were not in place.

With a balanced budget re-

quirement, many states would have 100,000 fewer jobs in 1995 alone, and some states, such as California, would see a loss of over a half million jobs.

Unemployment Rate — The unemployment rate would also rise in each and every state. In some states, it would climb by as much as five percentage points above the WEFA forecasts without a balanced budget amendment.

Construction and Housing — Lower interest rates and inflation resulting from reducing the federal deficit would spur some states' construction and housing industries, but even that would not be uniformly true throughout the country. Many states would see even those sectors of their

economies depressed throughout the 1990s as a result of the balanced budget amendment.

Defense — Those states in which the defense industry plays a large role in their economy would be hurt badly under the balanced budget scenario.

This means that states such as California, Arizona, Connecticut and Maryland would suffer a precipitous reduction in defense activity, while states whose economies don't rely on the defense industry see much smaller percentage decreases.

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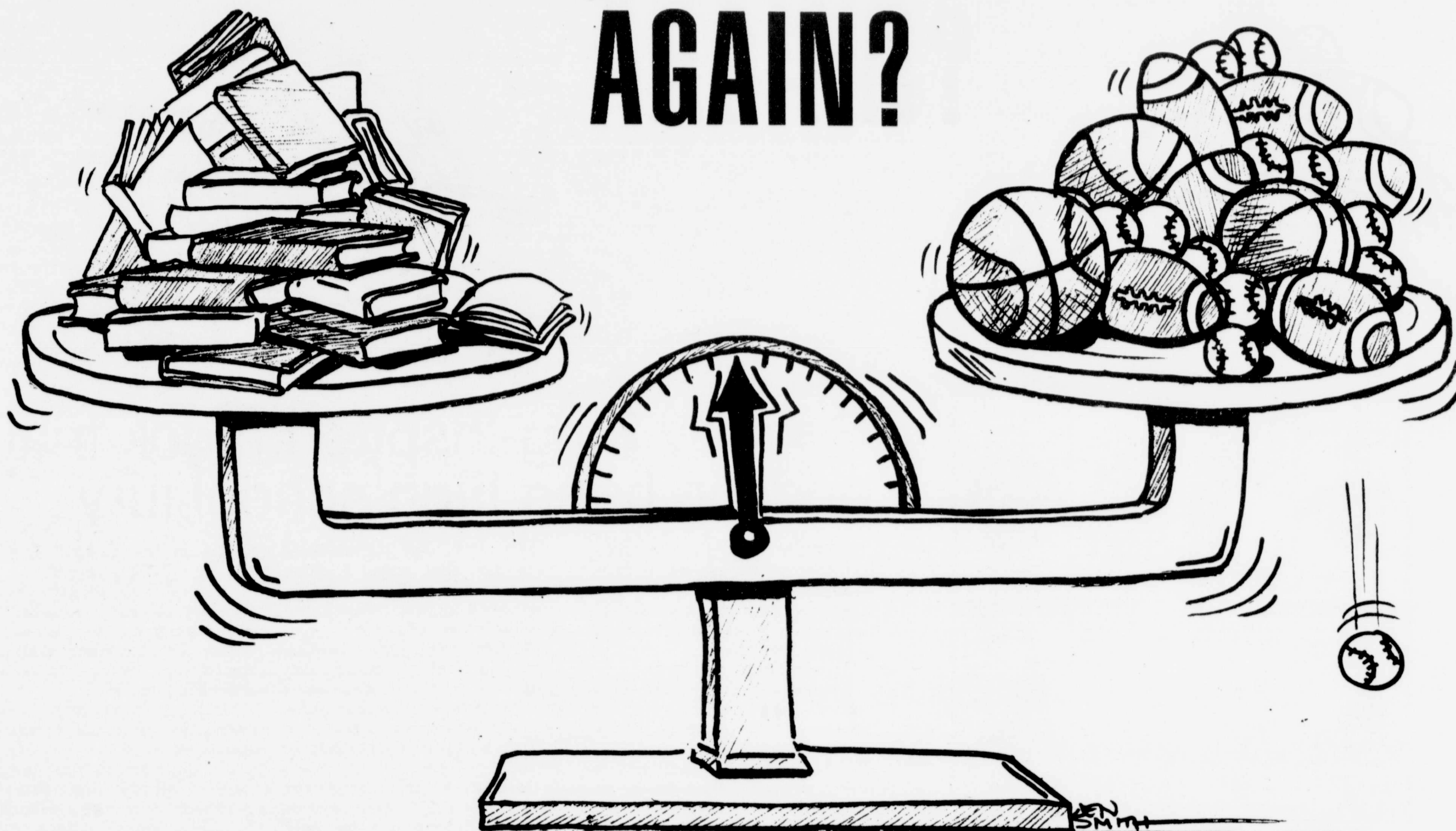
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Could Cal Poly pass the Athletic Referendum AGAIN?



By Ken Kaplan
Staff Writer

A student survey may support speculations that if the vote for the IRA \$43 athletic referendum was held today, it would not pass.

Eighteen percent of 200 Cal Poly students surveyed who voted "for" the \$43 increase last fall indicated they would vote "against" it in a re-election — a threatening statistic to a referendum which passed by only a slim margin originally.

Last November's election set a CSU record for voter turnout (10,369 students), and resulted in the referendum passing by less than 3 percent — 267 votes.

Six months later, the campus faces a budget cut of at least 8 percent budget cut and a possible 40 percent tuition fee increase. To gauge student sentiment now, 200 students were surveyed at Kennedy Library, the University Union Plaza, the Snack Bar, the Campus Store, the Agriculture/English building and randomly by telephone.

The survey gave students the option of including their name on the survey form. An overwhelming majority of students responded to the survey anonymously.

The survey concluded that 80.5 percent of the students who voted would vote the same way if the election were held again. Of that 80.5 percent, 32 percent would vote in favor of the referendum and 48.5 percent would vote against it.

Only 19.5 percent of the students who voted in November said would change their vote. While 17.5 percent said they originally voted in favor of the referendum but would now change their vote to "against" athletics, 2 percent said they would now change their vote to support athletics.

Money was the major reason

18 percent of the people who voted "yes" in November stated they would change their vote to "no."

They said that when the proposed 40 percent fee increase is taken into consideration, any increase in ASI fees for athletics should not be implemented.

They also said that there have

told all of the facts concerning impending budget cuts before the election.

Others cited budget cuts, the unexpected proposal for a 40 percent fee increase and the importance of academics over athletics as reasons they would change their vote.

Money was also the reason

"It makes me sick to see us increase the athletic program while cutting back other departments — even eliminating a technical department (engineering technology) at a polytechnical school," said Greg Reynolds, an electronics and electrical engineering sophomore.

Another student said that

than have a football team," Hoy said.

"The continued support for Division I shown by Emperor Baker as he advocates the elimination of entire departments shows very clearly where support, or lack of it, lies regarding academic excellence," Jeanette Polacek, a engineering technology senior, said.

Some of the 32 percent who said they voted "yes" on the referendum in the fall and would do the same today, said they would like more information on the subject before making any decisions.

Rich Cabral, a history senior history, said "athletics is part of an all-around college educational experience."

One student said Cal Poly should "sell beer at games," a thought echoed by several others.

Several students said they would support athletics again because they are graduating soon and won't have to pay the increased fees.

"A school without a competitive sports program is boring," said Joel Slatis, an industrial engineering junior.

Only 2 percent of the students participating in the survey said they would change their vote from "no" to a vote that supports the referendum. None of these students cared to comment on their decision.

Controversy will continue to be a part of the special election held last fall. Questions over issues like vote tampering and a lack of available information may never be settled.

But two conclusions can be made. If the vote were held again today — the referendum might not be approved. And Cal Poly will continue to have a university-funded athletic program.

Staff Writer Romina Vitols contributed to this story.

Present Attitude Toward Athletic Referendum*

Reaffirmed "no" vote	48.5%
Reaffirmed "yes" vote	32%
Would change vote to "no"	17.5%
Would change vote to "yes"	2%

*Information taken from a survey of 200 students

been "too many cuts already." These people said they believed there is not enough money for academics and that "no department should be cut out entirely."

"Cut athletics before you cut academics," said Clarke Brogger, a human development sophomore.

Some of the respondents who said they would change their vote said they felt they had been cheated because they weren't

48.5 percent of the students who voted cited for continuing to vote against the referendum. They liked the idea of a strong college athletic program, but said they felt there was no available money to fund one here at Cal Poly.

These students said they came to Cal Poly for academics, not sports. "Sports should raise their own money," said one disgruntled student.

when he goes home to visit his friends and family, they never ask about Cal Poly athletic teams. They want to know about the weather, the beach and the surrounding area.

"I still feel academics should come first at Cal Poly," said Kathryn Hoy, a business administration senior. "Being a financial aid student, the increase would really affect me. Given the choice, I'd rather eat

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Poly adds kindergarteners to new Children's Center

By Laurie La Pensee
Staff Writer

By fall quarter, the Children's Center will be operating in a new building and, for the first time, kindergarteners will become part of the current child-centered curriculum.

The new center will be located between President Warren Baker's house and the Counseling Center.

An orientation to introduce the kindergarten program will be held tonight from 5:30 and 7:30 at Pacheco School, Room 3.

The school is located off Grand Avenue by the entrance to Cal Poly.

The new curriculum emphasizes individual learning through experiments and

hands-on exercises. Animals and plants are part of the science lessons. Once kids discover an area they are interested in, they are encouraged to read or write about those topics.

The unique learning style will be explained by Teresa Turner, a teacher in Lucia Mar School District. Currently, she teaches the program at Ocean View School in Arroyo Grande.

Haila Hafley, a child care center teacher, said that during morning hours, the program will be offered to kindergarteners only and in afternoons will be devoted to both extended child care and kindergarten care.

Hafley said having the facility on campus has eased the workload of being both a parent and a student for many people

enrolled at Cal Poly.

Having a daughter there "makes it easy to go to work. I know she's comfortable and happy there in a nurturing environment," said Lisa Grosz, an active participant on the board of directors and mother of a 3-year-old.

Construction of the new building should be completed by this fall, according to Hafley.

Necessary funds are provided mostly by parents.

Only a small amount of money comes from subsidies for low income families. Currently families only qualify if they are enrolled in the after school care, Hafley said. Also, one dollar of every enrollment fee paid goes toward the center, which is sponsored by ASI.

Rodney King-inspired mock trial ends in hung high school jury

MACON, Ga. (AP) — In an effort to understand the Rodney King case, a group of Macon high school students held a mock trial for a white police officer accused of beating an Asian.

It ended in a hung jury. Members of the Central High School international relations class said they wanted to examine the case to answer their questions about the legal system and the rioting that broke out after four white officers were acquitted of assault charges in the beating of King, a black Los Angeles motorist.

"We never got to sit with the (California) jury to see what they saw," said senior Angie Folds, who acted as prosecutor. "We thought if we did it on our own, we could find out what they went through."

"I realized that this was a 'teachable moment' — I think that's the euphemism — when they began to ask a lot of questions about the case," said teacher Susan Middleton.

The result was a three-week mock trial that ended Monday. The jury was composed of 16 members of another class at the middle Georgia school.

"I think the jury members that said 'guilty' automatically related it to the Rodney King trial," said junior Brandon Christy, the jury foreman. "I voted 'not guilty' because there was a reasonable doubt."

Senior Mandi Hodgson created the story line and came up with descriptions for each character. "I didn't want to make it too much like Rodney King because people had already made up their minds about that case," she said.

The scenario she came up with involved three undercover Dallas police officers, including a fictional Lt. Lou Reeves, who spent several months on the streets posing as thugs.

The beating occurred when the officers tried to make arrests after selling drugs to gang members. In the next frenzied scene,

taped on the Central campus, gang members scattered.

Reeves, played by senior Stephen Martin, cornered an Asian gang member, played by senior Kai-ping Wang, and pummeled him. Wang aggressively defended himself.

In the mock story, the beating was taped by a man across the street.

At the trial, defense lawyers Jason Mundy and Suzanne Anderson, both Central seniors, focused on Wang's actions.

"Not knowing where his partners were and being in an intense and dangerous situation, (Reeves) was only acting in self-defense," Mundy said in his closing arguments.

But Folds discounted that argument. "It is the obvious misuse of police procedure and unnecessary use of force on the part of Lt. Lou Reeves that is on trial," she said.

Despite the mistrial, the students said they valued the experience.

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Dave Patri, left, Marcus Kemmerer, center, and Steve Fordiani began their clothing line, Split, while they were still at Poly.

Grads create million-dollar business out of shirt box

By Carissa Wreden
Staff Writer

Split is a relatively small, cutting-edge clothing company with its roots in San Luis Obispo and, more specifically, Cal Poly. Split was founded out of necessity, says company designer Dave Patri.

"I started making shorts because I didn't have any clothes," said Patri, a graphic design graduate at Poly. That was 1985. Now, Split's sales average slightly more than \$1 million per year.

From this meager beginning, the company continued to blossom. Patri, together with college buddies Marcus Kemmerer, an architecture student, and Steve Fordiani, a landscape architecture student, worked to build up the company.

"It (Split) came out of an art and design thing. We wanted to put our mark on things and see what people thought," Patri said.

The three began selling shirts out of a box at Osos Street Subs. The shirts sported a triangular logo. "They were really funky," Patri said.

A short time later, the trio went into what Patri described as serious production of shirts. At that time, Split sold its shirts to personal friends and Poly students. Later, these sales escalated into a mail-order business.

But the mail-order plan ran into trouble. While the Split crew

had plenty of design ideas, their inexperience and high overhead really hurt them, Patri said.

After several years of Split, graduation rolled around and the guys split up. Patri graduated and moved to Newport Beach to work for Vision sportswear. Kemmerer married and moved to San Francisco, but remained a limited partner in Split. Fordiani remained at Cal Poly working on his degree.

Scott VanDerripe, a close friend of the three, also graduated that year in industrial technology and planned a move to Seal Beach where he would work for McDonnell-Douglas building airplanes.

Nearly a year after graduation, still holding down full-time jobs, VanDerripe and Patri decided to take another stab at Split.

Patri didn't find VanDerripe's

addition to the company strange. He said VanDerripe was always "one of the Split guys and always had a great interest in wanting to do it (work for Split)."

To fulfill his part, VanDerripe braved a hectic schedule. "I was working for Split during the day and building airplanes at night," he said.

The duo began marketing hip packs in 1989, placing the packs in just about any store that would carry them on a commission basis.

With that system, the pair was able to keep overhead low and inventory minimal. The company kept growing slowly at a manageable pace. This was the recipe for the success Split would follow for the next few years.

The partners then started taking their merchandise to trade shows in the action sports industry.

"Split's first trade show was minimal in sales, but high in industry acceptance and potential," VanDerripe wrote in an informational packet.

Until 1990, Split had been directing its sales toward specialty and surf shops. When Patri moved from Vision to Gotcha as a designer, he foresaw a new niche for Split.

"We wanted to get into more
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Remember that obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off your goals. So stay focused and keep a positive outlook and you will accomplish everything you set out to.

To this year's ASI executive staff — from IRA to polySCOPE, you have proven time and time again that strength comes from inspiration, diversity and team-

work.

To next year's ASI president — do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. Remember to keep your eyes open and most importantly, have fun.

To every student at Cal Poly, I would like to pass on the most important lesson I learned this year. To quote Darren Meyer,

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Polls show Bush down, Perot up

NEW YORK (AP) — Two new polls show President Bush slipping further with voters and one shows Ross Perot slightly ahead in a three-way race with Bill Clinton.

Bush's approval rating fell to 35 percent, its lowest point ever, in a CBS News poll released Monday.

An ABC-Washington Post poll, meanwhile, showed Perot leading Bush and Clinton among 1,003 Americans surveyed Wednesday through Sunday. Among registered voters, the candidates

were almost even, with Perot at 34 percent, Bush at 31 percent and Clinton at 29 percent. Among "likely voters," Perot had 37 percent, Bush and Clinton 29 percent each, ABC said.

However, the CBS poll showed Bush leading at 35 percent, Clinton at 27 percent and Perot at 26 percent among registered voters.

In addition to the margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 points for each poll, several differences between the two could account for the discrepancy.

ABC polled for an extra day. CBS polled more people, 1,347.

It had more "don't knows," probably because CBS first asked people how much attention they had been paying to the campaign, and about favorability and approval of the candidates.

Favorable opinions of Bush fell to 30 percent in the CBS poll taken Wednesday through Saturday, from 36 percent earlier in May.

SPLIT

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fashionable streetwear," Patri said. He described Split as "the kind of company that is constantly and dramatically changing — not copying what's in fashion, but trying to set the trend for what's in fashion."

"We're visionaries on the edge."

The visionaries at Split had previously been backed by Scott Bailey, a resident of San Luis Obispo from 1985 until 1988. In 1988, he moved to Germany to work for the military. Bailey returned to the United States in 1991 to become a full partner in Split.

Bailey took on responsibility for the business end of the operation. VanDerripe, who had already left McDonnell Douglas, was working full time on Split's marketing and production. The third leg of the team, Patri, parted with Gotcha in 1991 to work full-time designing for

Split.

According to VanDerripe's informational packet, the full-time effort of the partners has proven beneficial with notable improvements in design, quality and production efficiency.

VanDerripe said "Split selects specialty shops that portray a good image to maintain itself as an underground clothing line." He added that the image "formulates around us as long as we're aware and selective."

Patri said Split tries to reach the youth generation. He said his designs are driven by Los Angeles club-style music.

"Split just kind of fell into it (the L.A. club scene) easily. People that were into dancing liked it (Split)," Patri said.

"Being fun is what it's all about," he said when describing his new spring line.

The line features plenty of bright, bold colors and big graphics to lend a playful, fun at-

titude.

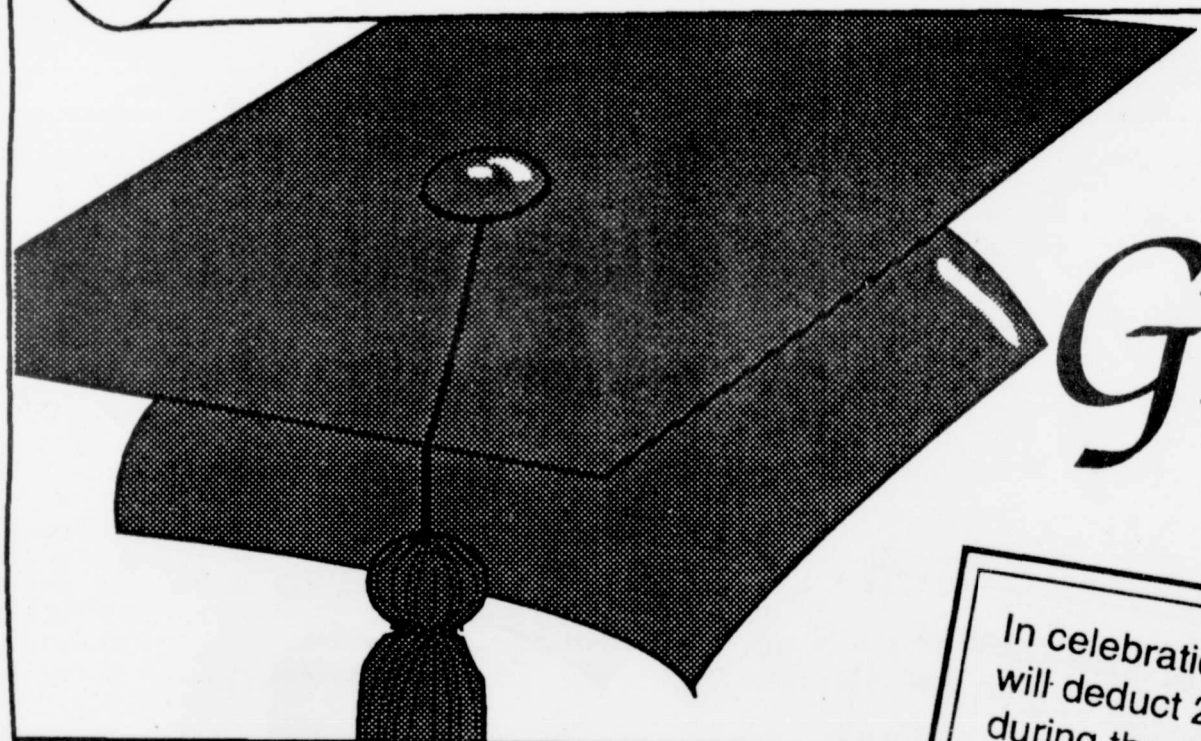
"The whole concept of the uplift, positive, master plan is to try and get people to think in a positive way," Patri said.

Even though the company's innovative designs now are seen in Melrose and New York shops and remain one of the top three lines in Japan, Split hasn't forgotten its roots.

"We have a strong market in San Luis. Many people from Poly that we know have stickers and clothes around," Patri said.

Central Coast Surfboards was one of the company's early accounts. VanDerripe said Split wanted to wait until "we were back on track" before trying to seriously market the product in San Luis again.

VanDerripe said, "The fact that we all went to school there (San Luis) makes us want to keep the name in town."



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HOMOSEXUALITY

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group sponsors benefit dances every two to three months.

"Our next one will be a benefit for the AIDS Life Lobby," he said.

Dugan said GALA also supports community groups. The group sponsored a square in the I Madonnari Italian Street Painting Festival earlier this year, he said.

"We try to do things in the community that show that gay and lesbian people are normal people too," he said.

Dugan said GALA is often called by groups looking for people to come speak on what it is like to be gay or lesbian.

"We've done a few (talks) on Cal Poly's campus before," he said.

GALA has been politically active in the community, too, Dugan said. The group was very involved with last March's City Council meeting on the anti-discrimination ordinance, he said.

"We had strategy meetings about it," Dugan said. "We had a lot of people show up there and everybody spoke."

Dugan said GALA is moving toward getting more involved in political issues, not just those involving homosexuals, but all minorities.

Dugan said there is no membership fee to belong to GALA. He said there is usually a \$10 admission fee to the dances.

"We're not a moneymaking group," he said. "In fact, we are working on applying for non-profit tax exemption."

Dugan added that GALA has no opposition to heterosexual people being involved in its activities.

"People bring their siblings to our dances all the time," he said. "No one is denied because of their sexual preference."

While the majority of local groups are geared toward homosexuals and bisexuals, there also are groups for families and friends.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) is an international organization which functions as a support group for gays, lesbians and their parents, families and friends.

"We're a support group for

people who are struggling with finding a way to accept that they are gay, or that a family member or friend is gay," said Betty Owen, treasurer of the local PFLAG chapter.

The local chapter, which was formed last November, has about 55 members, Owen said. The presidents of the different chapters of the club are always parents, she added.

Owens said the chapter meets every fourth Thursday of the month, and usually schedules a speaker.

"After the program the members usually break into rap groups to discuss various problems," Owens said. "They talk about all the things that are important to them; the things that are their problems."

Owens said PFLAG also works to enlighten the general public on the issue of homosexuality.

"We attempt to get through to the community the message that being gay is OK," she said.

One way the group does this is by supporting different community events, Owens said.

PFLAG also had a square in the San Luis Obispo street painting festival, she said.

Owen said PFLAG also had many members at last March's City Council meeting.

"Since we're a fledgling group, we haven't dabbled too far into politics yet," she said.

On a national level, Owen added that PFLAG is taking a stand against the Boy Scouts' bylaw forbidding gay leaders and members.

Owen stressed that PFLAG's main role is in providing support and guidance. She said the group was "extremely helpful" for her when she first came out.

"They were lifesaving for me,"

she said.

GLBU, GALA and PFLAG are only three of many support and resource groups for homosexuals and bisexuals in the community and in San Luis Obispo county. There are support groups for gays and lesbians from Atascadero to Santa Maria. There also are AIDS support groups and a business and professional network group.

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The report said the department is facing "an immediate and critical funding shortage" to maintain parks that last year helped return more than \$1 billion to the state's economy through tourism and created more than 13,000 jobs.

The report suggests funding parks with an annual \$5 surcharge on vehicle registrations and a real property transfer tax of \$100 on each \$100,000 of home value.

The report also recommends turning some parks over to non-profit organizations and associations, opening more private concessions in the parks and letting corporations advertise at parks and beaches for a fee.

"I really want the public to understand the closure of these 25 or 30 parks comes after the department has made every effort to run efficiently and make substantial cuts through reorganization," Murphy said. "I can't tell you how torn apart I am about this."

Murphy said he has yet to

develop a list of parks that would close, but it would be based on criteria such as visitor use, revenues and some political concerns.

Murphy faces a threatened \$23 million budget cut for the 1992-93 fiscal year that he had hoped to meet by eliminating 226 jobs and reorganizing the department.

Murphy said he had hoped to weather the budget crisis without closing parks, but the latest \$11 billion projections of the state's deficit have forced him to consider shutdowns.

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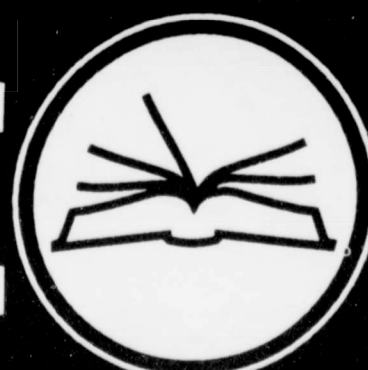
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practical assistance."

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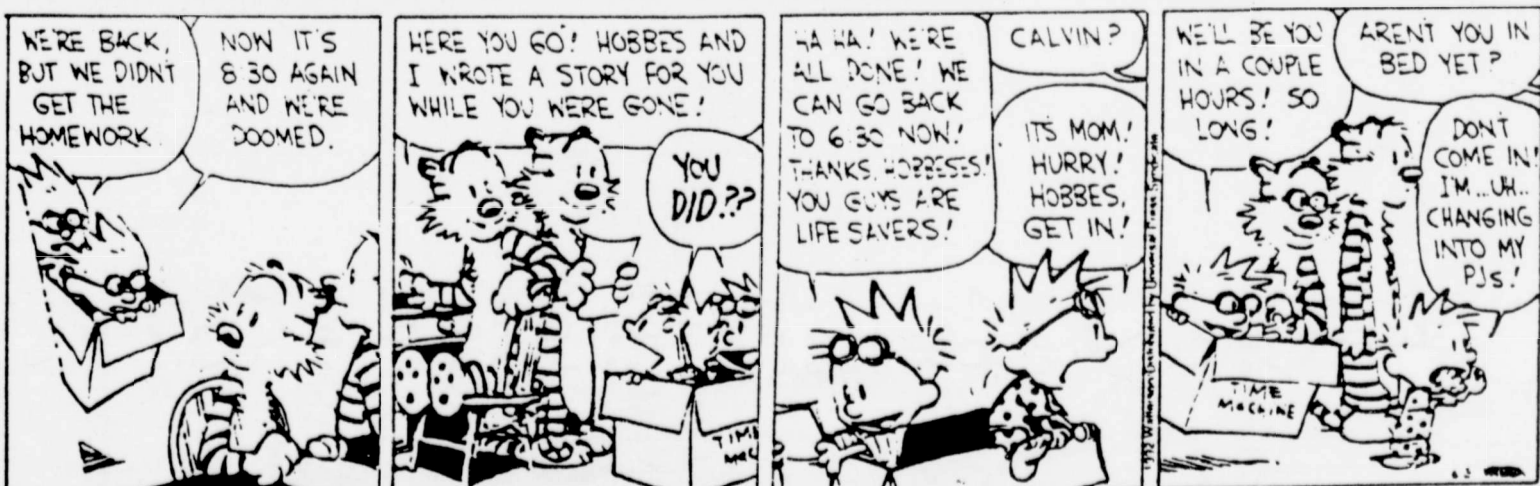
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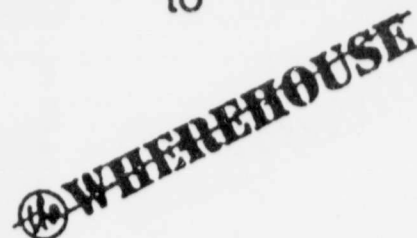
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PETERSEN

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classes, but he tries to remain positive.

"To survive, you have to have a warped sense of optimism or the depression (about what's going wrong in the world) will just kill you. You have to look to the future to see how much good could happen," he said.

Petersen said he enjoys talking about the future and what it holds.

"I love to read. I love talking with people, having good conversations that make you think and learn. Drinking coffee and reading a newspaper is my idea of a good Saturday morning," he said, "I love to learn and I love people."

CITY COUNCIL

From page 1
government, or else lose accountability.

Councilmember Jerry Reiss voted no on the motion immediately, because he felt they were yanking the people back and forth over the issue.

Reiss said he didn't want to fool the people by charging them less now by way of a rebate and more later to make up for it.

Reiss and Councilmember Penny Rappa said that the public understood that the rates were meant for upgrading facilities, not just to make up for lost revenues due to rationing.

Councilmember Bill Roalman was also against the motion.

"It might be a good political maneuver to talk about rebates," he said, "but I don't think it serves the public interest, and I think it will cost more in the long run."

WORLD

From page 2
public debate and an outpouring of objections from women.

Equal rights activists said it must be retained to curb adultery and protect women in a society dominated by men.

Up to 18,000 adultery cases are filed each year, but most cases are settled out of court.

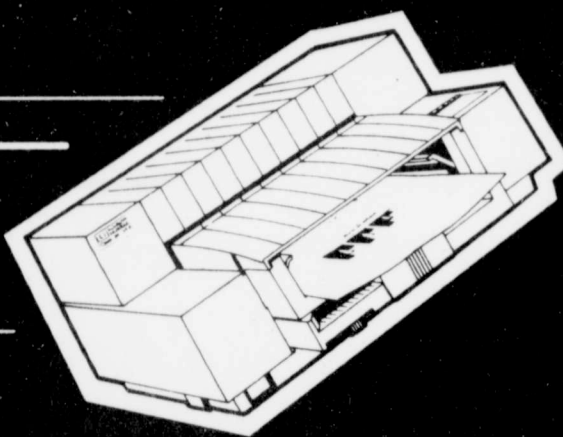
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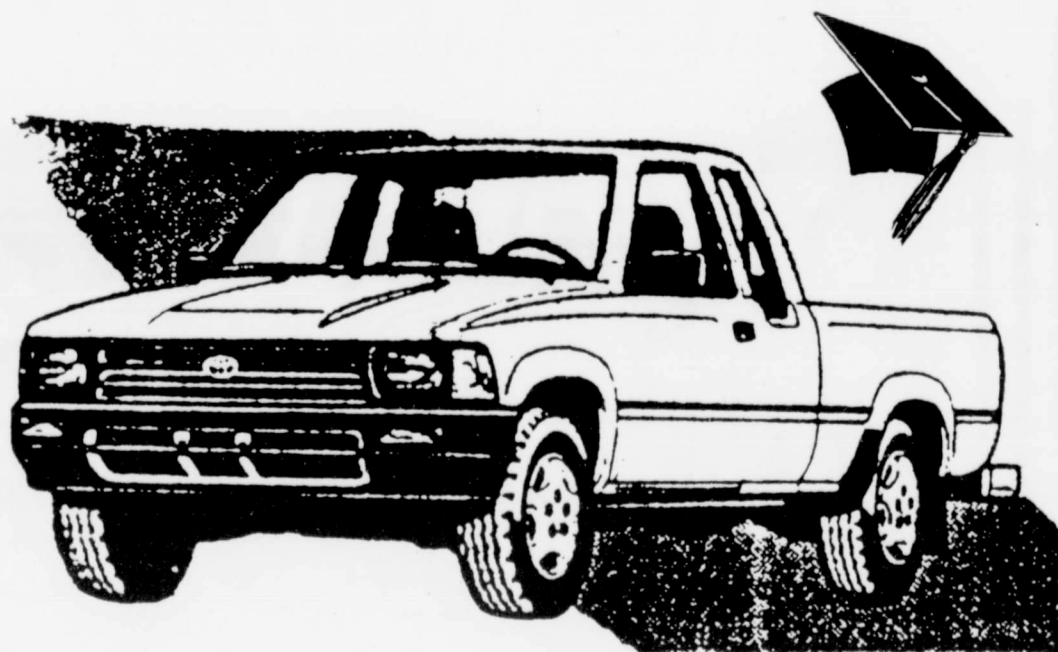
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